

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claims 2-4, 10-12, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. 5,751,965 (Mayo) and the background of Applicants' specification (the Background). Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over Mayo and the Background.

Mayo does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious at least displaying an indication of operating characteristics of UPS devices as recited in independent claim 2. Mayo discusses providing representations of connections or other relationships between devices within a communication network. (Mayo, col. 4, ll. 39-42)(emphasis added). While the Examiner cited Col. 7, ll. 5-29 of Mayo as teaching monitoring the devices, this text does not discuss displaying an icon indicative of whether monitored operating characteristics are in a normal state, rather Mayo discusses representing the condition of devices regarding the data flow between the devices. (Mayo, col. 7, ll. 25-29)(emphasis added). Independent claim 2, however, recites a method, in a system, that includes displaying a monitoring icon with a normal indication if each operating characteristic, of UPS devices, being monitored by the system is diagnosed to be in a normal state, and displaying the monitoring icon with an abnormal indication if at least one of the UPS operating characteristics being monitored by the system is diagnosed to be in an abnormal state. For at least these reasons, independent claim 2 is patentable over Mayo and the Background. Claims 3 and 4, that depend directly and indirectly, respectively, from claim 2, are patentable for at least the same reasons that claim 2 is patentable over Mayo and the Background.

Mayo further fails to teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a processor in operable communication with a display as recited in claim 10. Mayo discusses providing representations of connections or other relationships between devices within a communication network (Mayo, col. 4, ll. 39-42)(emphasis added) by monitoring the status of the physical devices. Mayo, however, does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious independent claim 10, which recites a system for monitoring states of UPSs, the UPSs being in operable communication with the system, the system including a processor configured to generate a monitoring symbol having a first indicator if each characteristic, of the UPS devices, being monitored is in a first state and a monitoring symbol having a second indicator if at least one of the operating characteristics being

monitored is in a second state. Thus, independent claim 10 is patentable over Mayo for at least the reasons stated above.

Claims 11 and 12 that depend directly and indirectly, respectively, from claim 10, are patentable for at least the same reasons that claim 10 is patentable over Mayo and the Background.

Mayo further fails to teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a means for generating and displaying a monitoring icon as recited in claim 17. Mayo discusses providing representations of connections or other relationships between devices within a communication network (Mayo, col. 4, ll. 39-42)(emphasis added) by monitoring the status of the physical devices. Mayo fails to teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious independent claim 17, which recites a system for monitoring diagnosed states of UPS devices being operably coupled to the system, including means for generating an icon with a normal indication if each of the operating characteristics, of the UPS devices, coupled to the system is diagnosed to be in a normal state, and means for generating and displaying a monitoring icon with an abnormal indication if at least one of the operating characteristics of at least one of the UPS devices coupled to the system is diagnosed to be in an abnormal state. Thus, independent claim 17 is patentable over Mayo for at least the reasons stated above.

Claims 5-7, and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Mayo, the Background, and U.S. 6,456,306 (Chin). Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over Mayo, the Background, and Chin. The Examiner did not assert that Chin makes up for the deficiencies noted above with respect to independent claims 2 and 10 from which claims 5-7 and 13-14 depend, respectively, and thus these claims are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above.

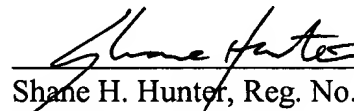
Claims 8-9, 15-16, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Mayo, the Background, Chin, and U.S. 5,825,656 (Moore). Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over Mayo, the Background, Chin, and Moore. The Examiner did not assert that Moore makes up for the deficiencies noted above with respect to claims 2 or 10, and thus claims 8-9, that depend indirectly from claim 2, and claims 15-16, and 18 that depend indirectly from claim 10 are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claims 2 and 10.

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney at (617) 542-6000.

A petition for extension of time, Notice of Appeal, and the corresponding fees accompany this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, including a fee for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18133-102.

Respectfully submitted,


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